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SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" May I ask, Sir, how much grant was made to that school? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I cannot say what amount of grant was made to that school. The question relates to the taking over by Government of a particular management."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government can make grants to unregistered schools also? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I am not prepared for the answer regarding the Vizianagaram school. The question does not relate to that school. Government give grants to established institutions, if they are satisfied that they will continue to work."

Officers appointed under the Scheme of the Separation of Judiciary from the Executive.

* 75 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Law Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the various officers appointed to administer justice in the districts of Chingleput and North Arcot, under the Scheme of Separation of Judiciary from the Executive introduced by the Government from October 1949;

(*b*) their qualifications and posts held by them previously;

(*c*) whether any recruitment from the Bar has been made for the said posts and if so, their names and experience and the place where they practised;

(*d*) what procedure was adopted to select the new incumbents; and

(*e*) whether any authority was consulted in making the appointments to the Judiciary in the above districts and if so, which authorities?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The information[a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) Yes. The information is placed on the table of the House.

" (*d*) & (*e*) In view of the urgency involved, appointments were made purely on a temporary basis. The High Court was consulted and their recommendation was accepted in the case of the appointments to the posts of District Magistrates, and 3 out of the 4 posts of Subdivisional Magistrates, recruited from officers of the Judicial department. The Board of Revenue was consulted in regard to the appointment of one Revenue Divisional Officer as Subdivisional Magistrate.

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 846–847 infra.

"In the case of Sub-Magistrates, applications were invited from Members of the Bar and from persons in Government Service. The Collectors of certain districts were also asked to recommend suitable Assistant Public Prosecutors for appointment. Ten out of the 20 posts of Sub-Magistrates were filled up from Members of the Bar and the other 10 from persons in Government service.

"All the appointments are temporary, pending the framing of Service Rules."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, in making these appointments (subsequent appointments have been published in the newspapers), if the principle of not posting natives of a particular district to that district or the adjoining district is observed?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"We have considered as far as possible this principle in the posting of District Magistrates and Subdivisional Magistrates. The High Court's recommendation in the matter has been accepted. In the posting of Sub-Magistrates, we have tried to see as far as possible that persons who have pecuniary interests in that place are not posted."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—"I am not mentioning the case of any particular instance, because the gentleman posted for Anantapur is a particular friend of mine, and he has got the best reputation wherever he has gone. I am only making this suggestion that such appointments need not be made, because they have got relations in both Anantapur and Bellary districts."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"If the particular officer concerned feels any embarrassment in the matter, and if he informs the High Court (because the transfer is to be done by the High Court), the High Court will consider the matter."

Adequacy of laws preventing persons from entering into contracts with film companies.

*76 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have at any time examined the adequacy of existing laws preventing the parents of children and young persons from entering into contracts with film companies or other persons engaged in the commercial exploitation of children and young persons and if so, whether there are any proposals pending consideration either to amend the laws suitably or enact new legislation for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"Under the Children (Pledging of Labour) Act, 1933, agreements to pledge the labour of children under 15 years of age are void; and parents or guardians making such agreements, persons with whom such agreements are made and also persons employing children in furtherance of such agreements are all punishable under the Act. It may also be